

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1-26 are rejected by this Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103


Claims 1-3, 9-11, and 17-26 are rejected by the Office Action under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,356,903 (Baxter) in view of US Patent No. 6,574,609 (Downs). Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the feature of “obtaining information indicative of a client environment”. Neither Baxter, nor Downs, nor the combination teach or even suggest this feature. Similarly, Applicants have amended independent claim 9 to include “an associated logic mechanism for obtaining information indicative of a client environment” and independent claim 23 to include the feature of “obtaining information indicative of a client environment”. For at least the above reasons, the combination of Baxter and Downs does not teach or even suggest these features. Claims 2-3, 10-11, 17-22, and 24-26 ultimately depend from claims 1, 9 and 23 and are patentable for at least the above reasons. Thus, Applicants request reconsideration of claims 1-3, 9-11, and 17-26.

Claims 4-8 and 12-16 are rejected by the Office Action as being unpatentable over Baxter in view of Downs and further in view of US Patent No. 6,236,994 (Swartz). Claims 4-8 and 12-16 ultimately depend from independent claims 1 and 9. Moreover, Swartz does not make up for the deficiencies of Baxter and Downs. Thus, claims 4-8 and 12-16 are patentable for at least the reasons as discussed above. Applicants request for reconsideration of claims 4-8 and 12-16.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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